

the St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue station. He has served for 20 years with Clearwater Fire and Rescue. I thank him for the decades of service he has already given to us. Mr. Williams will be becoming the Assistant Chief of Suppression.

Mr. Graham became a firefighter in 1998 and at the time was one of three minority firefighters in the department. He has worked for 17 years with Clearwater Fire and Rescue in various capacities including as a member of the dive team, technical rescue team, and as a lieutenant for 12 years. He will serve as Assistant Chief of Health and Safety.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank and acknowledge Mr. Graham and Mr. Williams for their dedication to our community and to Clearwater Fire and Rescue. They are role models for Pinellas County. I ask that this body join me in thanking them for their service and wishing them success in their new roles as Assistant Chiefs of Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. MCBURNETT JAMES
KNOX, JR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. McBurnett James Knox, Jr., better known as "Coach Mac," who passed away on May 29, 2016, at the age of 89.

Coach Mac served his country in the United States Navy, and was a retired United States postal worker and longtime employee of the New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD). He was best known as the longtime supervisor at the Pontchartrain Park in New Orleans and legendary coach of the Pontchartrain Park Patriots.

Coach Mac coached every sport and activity possible. His teams won city championships in baseball, football, basketball, softball and track. Coach Mac coached all-star teams in Babe Ruth Baseball, Biddy Basketball, and the National Youth Games. He was able to win both a state and a national championship in his career. Also, during Coach Mac's four plus decades at the Pontchartrain Park, he ran a softball league for postal workers and other adult leagues.

Mr. Speaker, as a beneficiary of Coach Mac's commitment and sacrifice, I celebrate his life and legacy, because he has touched the lives of many children and citizens in New Orleans, Louisiana. His wife preceded him in death; however, my thoughts and prayers are with his five children and the other members of his family.

VVA SUPPORT OUR TROOPS
RALLY

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2016, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 862 will sponsor its 15th annual Support Our

Troops Rally to honor the courageous individuals serving in our armed forces as well as our veterans. It is an opportunity to pay our respects to our troops stationed both here at home and overseas.

We should never fail to recognize the irreplaceable contributions of our service members, and we should never take their service for granted. As civilians, it is often easy to go about our daily lives, enjoying our freedoms, without remembering the sacrifices that purchased them.

Robert Gwin organized the first Support Our Troops Rally 15 years ago, and the tradition has only grown stronger, with the rally drawing larger crowds every year. This is a testament to the value of institutions like Vietnam Veterans of America in demonstrating gratitude to our troops who need to know how much their service means to the rest of us.

The Support Our Troops Rally fosters a strong sense of patriotism and appreciation in our community. Most important, it helps us convey our gratitude to our veterans and troops, particularly those overseas in dangerous areas of the world.

HONORING TOMMY L.
MCCULLOUGH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Tommy L. McCullough, who was born in Pickens, Madison County, Mississippi to the late parents of W.E.L. and Classie McCullough. He was the youngest of twenty siblings where ten (10) were added by marriage.

Mr. Tommy L. McCullough was raised in Valley View, Mississippi and attended Nichols School until the eighth grade. Later he went to Cameron Street High School and left to go to the Army while he was in the 12th grade.

Mr. McCullough entered the Army on December 13, 1954, he was in the 25th Division at Scofield Barracks in Hawaii. While there an Honor Guard was formed after a few months and height requirements were 5 feet 10 inches tall, but because he was sharp and intelligent he was chosen to be a Guard, although he was 5 feet 8 inches tall. They later changed the title from Guard to Drill Platoon. No one could handle a rifle the way Mr. McCullough handled it and he was recognized with many letters of congratulations for his performance in the Drill Platoon, he also went to the Non-Commission Officer Academy and received a diploma. Within two years he went from a Private to SP3 (Specialist 3rd class). There he stayed until his discharge on November 27, 1956 and went back to Jackson, Mississippi.

He had many friends who were Civil Rights Activist, one of them was a Freedom Rider, Mr. Jake Freeze, who was one of the leaders in the Freedom Riders Movement that lived in his house in 1963, which was later called the Freedom House in Madison County. Pictures are on the wall of the Civil Rights Museum in Canton, Mississippi, today.

Mr. McCullough afterwards moved to Louisville, KY in 1965. He worked at Harshaws Chemical Company for about five years. He

missed Mississippi so much that he came back and opened up a night club, Billa Farro, for five years in Jackson and later opened a Car Dealership, TC and III, and then he retired.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommy L. McCullough for his dedication to serving others.

THE GIFT, RUNNING ON THE WIND,
THE BREEZE—IN HONOR OF
MIDFIELDER FRANK URSO

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The University of Maryland Midfielder Frank Urso, who received the prestigious Teewaarton Legend Award on June 2nd at the Native American Museum in Washington, DC. Frank was a four-year 1st Team All American, leading The Terps to two National Championships, and two National Championship finals in his four years at Maryland. He joins the likes of Jim Brown, Gary Gate, and Eamon McEnneny. I would like to submit this poem in honor of him and the Native Americans who created the magnificent game of lacrosse, penned by fellow teammate Albert Carey Caswell.

Long before Basket and Baseball or Football
ever came to be

All out across this great land this sweet
Country tis a thee

Came on the wind, came running on the
breeze

All out there upon those fields of green as so
to be

But came The Native Americans so all at
speed.

All in this their game of such intensity
Of such power and might, grace and speed
As the fastest game on foot you'll ever see

Ah' poetry in motion
as is this sport of beauty and combat all
interweaved.

As is Lacrosse their great gift to you and
me.

A gift to Mankind which one day would in-
tercede

Capturing little boys and girls hearts all at
speed

With stick in hand as they become one to
compete

While, into the night against a wall chasing
their dreams.

To Be The Best on fields of green.

Bagattaway, as it all began with the mag-
nificent Native Americans you see

Who are The Very Heart of what it all so
means to be an America indeed.

A people of such character and courage,
strength and speed

Who to Nature so respect and heed.

A race of people who were the antifascist of
living free.

Running on the wind, the breeze.

Training mighty warriors for the rigors of
combat, as they would bleed

Turning boys to men, giving them the
strength, training, and confidence they
would need.

Running on the wind, the breeze, as all
across this Nation their great game
came to be

As why to this day with such high regard the
world envies

As they'd pass this game down through the
generations to their families, from